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Cops vs. kids

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School hockey select fans show their approval after a goal during the annual exhibition game between the OPP hockey selects and the JDHES team at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, March 31. The game ended in a 7-7 tie. Photos on page 26. **Darren Lum** Echo staff

New doctor arrives in Haliburton Village

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's newest physician, Dr. Nandini Cossons, was busy setting up her office in the Haliburton Highlands Health Clinic last week.

Cossons and her family moved to the county just a few weeks ago and she will be seeing

patients after she is done completing some update training at the clinic.

From Margate in southeast England, Cossons completed a doctorate in biochemistry in the U.K.

"Then I wanted to see a bit of the world," she said.

That urge brought her across the Atlantic to Montreal's McGill University where she was

engaged in post-doctoral research projects at the university's cancer centre.

An oncologist involved with the centre also did work at a nearby hospital and Cossons had the opportunity to go there and visit patients.

That's when she had a revelation.
"It was a way to tie in the research I was doing

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Send your guess for the Head Lake Ice Contest

Time is running out to guess the time and date the last cube of ice will melt off Head Lake.

The person with the closest guess will win a one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo* or *Minden Times*.

All guesses must be in by Friday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Send your guesses by email to editor@haliburtonecho.ca; by fax to 705-457-3275; or by mail to Ice Contest, Haliburton Echo, 146 Highland Street, PO Box 360, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0. You can also drop off your guess to the above location.

Help hospice in hike

At some time, in some way, we must all face the end of life. And most of us share a common hope – that when death comes to us or to a loved one, it will be peaceful and free of pain. We hope to face death surrounded by those we love, feeling safe, comfortable and cared for. The SIRCH Community Hospice Program provides support to clients and their loved ones to make this happen.

As with many programs, funding cuts are eating away at

the resources needed to fulfill the needs of this program. Your help is urgently needed to keep the Community Hospice Program running effectively.

This year's Hike for Hospice takes place on Saturday, April 30 at Haliburton high school. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. and the hike begins at 11 a.m. You can hike one kilometre around the track or five kilometres on the Head Lake Trail. Why not get a team together where you work or play?

To donate or obtain pledge forms go to www.sirch.on.ca in the events section.

Bucket of Shrimp Ears appear at Rails End Gallery

Friday, April 8, doors open 7 p.m., concert begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$15 each/cash bar, call 457-2330 for tickets. An evening of original music by a group that calls themselves the "world's most handsome band" will celebrate the end of a long, but productive winter of songwriting. Local songstress and composer, Trina West, will open the evening and set the tone for another great night in the artful surroundings of the Rails End. The Bucket is preparing to release their latest CD titled *Crow Riding Turtle on Asphalt* later this spring. Get a sneak preview at the Rails End on April 8.

Trent students to deliver research on green pool technology

Three Trent University Students have completed their U-Links Research Project and will deliver the results to members of the County Swimming Pool Initiative, Environment Haliburton, interested councillors and members of the general public on Thursday, April 7 at 1 p.m. at the meeting room in the Dysart library.

The purpose of the green pool technology project has been to research green options for the construction and operation of a public indoor swimming pool in Haliburton County. The three students, Jaime Noble, Madison Ridol and Ryan Cant, with the assistance of their professor, Tom Whillans, have been researching heating and cooling systems and pool chemicals with the objectives of increasing the knowledge of community members, creating a sustainable facility and contributing towards the determination of a suitable location for a public indoor pool in Haliburton County.

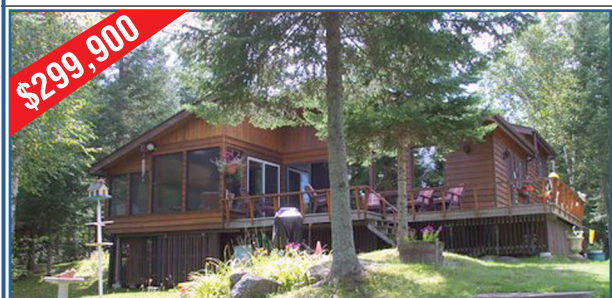
"We hope that these students will be able to give us some helpful ideas and guidance towards the creation of a green pool, recreation and wellness centre," says pool committee chairperson, Gay Bell.

For information, contact Gay Bell, chairperson, County Swimming Pool Initiative, 705-754-3116.

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Environment and atmosphere draw doctor to town

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[to real-life applications]," she said. "That's what really took hold of me."

So Cossons decided to go medical school at Kingston's Queen's University.

Graduating in 2001, she did her residency in Ottawa.

It was also during this time that she met the Canadian "bloke" who would become her husband, Jeffrey Kieley.

Her father had passed away during her medical training so when she was done, Cossons headed back to England to be with her mother.

There she got a job with pharmaceutical company Pfizer, conducting clinical trials.

She couldn't practise medicine since her Canadian medical qualifications were not recognized there.

"There are certainly some countries where they have reciprocal agreements," Cossons said, explaining that doctors graduating in South Africa, for instance, are permitted to practise in England.

There is an ongoing discussion in Canada about the fact many foreign-trained doctors cannot practise here and Cossons said she believes the reason for what seems to be a worldwide trend is political.

Not only could Cossons not practise medicine, similarly, Kieley's Canadian law degree didn't allow him to practise in Eng-



Chad Ingram Echo staff
Dr. Nandini Cossons is the newest addition to the Haliburton Highlands Health Clinic. Cossons, along with her husband and children, recently moved to Haliburton from England.

land.

These factors, coupled with the fact the pair weren't sure they wanted to raise their children Fergus, 3, and Henry, 2, in an increasingly crowded England, got them to looking abroad.

Since Kieley is Canadian and Cossons had grown attached to the county during

the 12 or so years she'd lived here, Canada seemed a good option.

"Canada's got everything," she said, emphasizing the high quality of life here.

Kieley had come across an ad by Haliburton attorney Ray Selbie, announcing he was looking for someone to come into his practice.

The couple had never heard of Haliburton. "I looked it up," Cossons said. "Google-Earthed it as well."

Haliburton looked appealing and so the couple made a visit in the winter.

"It was lovely, even in January," Cossons said, and the landscape along with the community's welcoming atmosphere was enough to seal the deal.

The family purchased a home on Lake Kashagawigamog and arrived for good just a few weeks back.

Cossons's mother is also considering moving to the county.

Cossons likes practising family medicine because of its breadth and the relationships doctors are able to form with their patients.

"You can see newborns right through to older folk," she said.

Because she's not actively practised for a while, Cossons will be doing some on-site training under the supervision of Dr. Norm Bottum.

She said she expects this to take a couple of months, but then she will be seeing new patients.

Those looking for a family physician can find Cossons through the province's Health Care Connect program at ontario.ca/healthcareconnect or 1-800-445-1822.

EMS director hopes to build community paramedic program

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 31 meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board in Wilberforce.

Injured emergency service workers returning to the job could have a new, community-based assignment in a pilot project proposed by EMS director Pat Kennedy.

Mirroring the community paramedics program in effect in Renfrew County, EMS staff on standby would be used to service community non-urgent medical needs such as blood sugar testing or ECG scans.

"That's where I want to go with pre-hospital medicine here in Haliburton County," Kennedy said to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board March 31.

In Renfrew County, EMS workers do home visits and meet with residents at community centres to do basic medical procedures that can be taken back to their doctors.

It is a system that alleviates some pres-

sure on the health-care system and is more convenient for those living far away from the hospital.

Kennedy told the board he would like to begin the project in 2012.

He also outlined the enhanced services coming for the county, including better summer and weekend coverage.

He credited county council for approving a budget increase in a year when departments were being asked to keep their expenses tight.

Palliative care bed a go

The Haliburton hospital has been given the green light to turn one acute care bed into a palliative care unit by the Local Health Integration Network.

Start up funding of \$51,500 has been given to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for the process.

As CEO Paul Rosebush told the board, 28 palliative patients stayed at HHHS last year, but without a specialized environment.

Although appropriate beds exist in Peterborough, those people and their families chose Haliburton, often because the drive

to those beds was a stressor they didn't need.

"We have provided palliative care in the past; this will give us the ability to enhance that care," Rosebush said.

The goal is to have two palliative units at the hospital one day.

Better communication in waiting rooms

Better communication to patients in waiting rooms in the county's emergency departments is one of four goals the health services board will be tackling in the coming year.

Complying with provincial health legislation, the board has asked staff to explain wait times to patients, increasing patient satisfaction and decreasing the number of people who leave ERs without getting help.

"When people come to us for care we don't want them leaving us without being seen," CEO Paul Rosebush told the board.

In the 2009/2010 year, 412 people left the ERs in Haliburton County without being seen.

Rosebush wants that number to drop to 330.

Alongside that goal, the board has also taken on three more quality improvement goals.

Despite a 91 per cent patient satisfaction rate, a new question will be included in this year's survey: would you recommend this emergency department to your friends and family?

Another goal will be to receive fewer rejected lab specimens.

There were 206 rejected specimens last year, causing the lab to twice sample the same person, delaying feedback. Regular consultations with LifeLabs, the company that does the lab work, should reduce those rejected specimens by 20 per cent, Rosebush said.

The last goal was to ensure best physician practices by having an outside evaluator look at three doctors' charts.

About 200 charts will be examined from two doctors from Haliburton ER and one from Minden.

The process will cost \$10,000.

Election a performance review for Devolin

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Barry Devolin sees the upcoming federal election as a chance for the constituents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to tell him how he's doing.

"I view it partly as a performance review before my employers," Devolin said in a phone interview last week. "In terms of just doing the job . . . part of my conversation with people is just about that."

Devolin had started his day on March 30 with campaign stops in Dorset and Ontonog Lake and was heading east.

He said economic recovery is still on the minds of many.

"I think we all feel pretty good that things in Canada are going OK," Devolin said, but added people are expressing concerns about retirement savings and pensions.

The May 2 election was triggered by a non-confidence vote in the House of Commons, toppling the Conservative government after a Commons committee found it to be in contempt of Parliament for refusing to reveal the costs of a number of programs.

It's the first time in Canadian history the government has been found in contempt of Parliament and while Prime Minister has essentially said Canadians are concerned about the economy and not the workings of



Incumbent Conservative MP Barry Devolin speaks to a gathering in Wilberforce last December. He says this election he is running on his record.

Jenn Watt
Echo staff

Parliament, Devolin said it makes sense that the ruling would matter to people.

"It matters," he said. "I think it matters in a broader context."

The incumbent added though that the committee that found the government in contempt was "extremely partisan" – it was compromised of members of various federal parties – and said economic worries are an overriding concern for most people.

Unfortunately, a lot of people are already just cynical about politicians in general, he said.

First elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2006 and 2008, Devolin said some of his proudest accomplishments as MP are the everyday duties he and his office carry out, helping constituents with passports, pension cheques and so on.

"Being an MP in many ways is similar to a lot of jobs," he said. "If you run a restaurant, you're judged on the meals . . . day after day."

Devolin is also proud of the way he and MPP Rick Johnson cooperated to ensure the riding got its fair share of the federal/

provincial stimulus money that was dished out in the past couple of years and that the volunteer firefighter tax credit of up to \$3,000 he advocated for was included as part of the budget tabled March 22.

What is the greatest lesson Devolin has learned in nearly seven years as an MP?

"The world is a complicated place," he said. "There are a lot of good ideas out there."

Devolin said he's less likely to simply take a critical stance on ideas brought forth by opponents than he would have been in the past.

The Liberals had just unveiled their funding plan for post-secondary education last week, a plan that promises to pay \$4,000 to college and university students over four years, or \$6,000 to those from low-income households.

While Devolin noted that as the father of two young children he had a personal interest in affordable post-secondary education, he said the Liberals' plan would mean students would miss out on a \$550 tax break for each \$1,000 from the government, which

would mean they would actually be gaining only \$450 a year. He said the Conservatives' income-splitting plan that would decrease income tax payments for some households would save Canadians more money.

Devolin recently moved his family to Ottawa and while he said the move could be made into a wedge issue, he is still spending as much time in the riding as before.

"My pattern of shifting . . . really hasn't changed that much," he said, adding that now, instead of spending four or five nights a week alone, he gets to spend more time with his family.

Both Devolin and wife Ursula grew up in Haliburton County. "It was a hard decision," he said.

Devolin's Liberal competition is *County Voice* editor Laura Redman, who's taken a leave of absence from the paper for the duration of the campaign.

Devolin said he took issue running against an active member of the press and wondered if he, along with Green candidate Susanne Lauten and the NDP's Lyn Edwards, could be treated fairly by the publication.

"How do we feel we have a fair shake?" he asked. "It is a dilemma. I will not be making any comment to the *Voice*. Something feels wrong about it."

Voice publisher Stephen Patrick directed *Times* inquiries to the paper's website, which reads in part: "In one fell swoop Mr. Devolin has managed to defy the freedom of the press, to abrogate his responsibility to all the voters, and to threaten the very existence of *The Voice*."

What will the outcome of the election be?

Devolin said it's too early to tell, although the avid watcher of polls said he hadn't seen a single prediction that the Liberals would win more than 100 seats.

"We're still in the first period," Devolin said.

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Twelve make \$100,000 list in county

Jenn Watt
Editor

The provincial government has released its annual list of those public workers paid more than \$100,000 a year for 2010.

Between the school board, hospital and Fleming College, 12 workers made the list of top-paid public positions.

Principals at all of the county's schools brought in a range between \$118,500 and \$111,000 and one vice-principal earned just more than \$105,000 in 2010.

The county's schools accounted for six of 74 positions in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board with \$100,000-plus salaries.

At the college, the principal as well as one instructor made the list, with salaries

of \$123,700 and \$101,000 respectively.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services had four workers disclosed – two nurses, one radiology technologist and the chief executive officer – with salaries ranging from \$152,500 to \$104,000.

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Long-time cottager, activist leads local Greens

Jenn Watt
Editor

She calls herself a little pit bull; not an attack dog, but a protector.

Susanne Lauten, 49, was nominated by the federal Green party more than a year ago after she caught the eye of party leader Elizabeth May, who noted her energy and drive.

"I am fiercely protective of the people of this riding and our beautiful habitat," Lauten says, "my instinct is to protect."

Lauten's political side was first brought out by the local fight against uranium mining.

"I was up at our little place on Gull Lake minding my own business," she recalls. "I heard that mining companies were coming from all around the world and exploring for uranium in Haliburton County."

She sympathized with those whose land was staked for exploration without any legal recourse and started the group Cottagers against Uranium Mining.

It was a cause she threw herself into for about a year and the results were fulfilling.

"Together we all managed to get that [staking on private land] changed," she said.

"It gave me such a great feeling of accomplishment."

Elizabeth May had helped Lauten with her campaign and asked Lauten if she



Susanne Lauten, Green party candidate, describes herself as a little pit bull. /Photo submitted

would join the Greens in November 2009.

"I had never considered going into politics," said Lauten, a retired small business owner.

But the timing was right; Lauten's husband (and now campaign manager) Michael Sheppard was retiring from a career as a pilot, Sheppard's son had grown up and the couple was readying themselves to move to Haliburton County full time.

Lauten and Sheppard live in Newmarket

in the winter and on Gull Lake near Minden the rest of the year.

While they hope to make the county their year-round home, for now, they commute, which is working out well.

Newmarket, Lauten points out, is just 45 minutes from Lindsay and is 30 minutes from Brock, part of the riding she calls "neglected."

"I'm straddling the riding. One foot here [in Minden], one foot there [in Brock]," she says.

The couple have been cottagers on Gull Lake for 15 years, which has given them time to connect with the issues facing Haliburtonians, Lauten said.

"The No. 1 issue that people talk about in Haliburton County ... is their water. Water levels, water quality, water being taken from them," she said.

That and the price of home heating.

"People in Haliburton County are spending a fortune on heating their homes with oil and propane," she said.

Meanwhile, the federal government subsidizes the oil companies while ignoring alternate energy sources.

"Our government has not invested in alternate fuels. The people of Haliburton County are spending huge amounts of money to heat our homes. We're trapped. Our federal government is saying: what's the problem? Don't worry, be happy," she said.

While Lauten is buoyed by an online

poll conducted by a Kawartha Lakes newspaper that says the Green party is the second most popular with voters behind the Conservatives, she understands that if she wins, she'd be amongst a very small group of Greens in the House of Commons.

But even a small presence would be a start.

"It would loosen Stephen Harper's grip on this country [to lose this riding]," she says. "The one thing I hear overwhelmingly ... what they're worried about most is that Stephen Harper will have a majority and what he will do to this country."

Winning a seat would also allow the party a chance to ask the "difficult questions," she said.

She also criticized MP Barry Devolin's flyer practices, calling his regular mail-outs wasteful.

"The Green party, we don't like waste ... the MPs are sending out too many flyers. The average MP spends \$80,000 a year on printing costs for flyers in his or her riding. On top of that is the cost of the postage. Each round of flyers costs about \$6,000 in postage," she said.

To hear more from Susanne Lauten and all the other candidates, come to the all-candidates meeting planned Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at Haliburton's Fleming College.

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As for the Chevy, it will be presented to its new owner at the Rotary Carnival on Aug. 3 at 11 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 for one, \$50 for three or \$100 for seven.

The Rotary Club does not know where they will donate yet, but Andrew Hodgson director of public relations says "Over the past five years we have already given \$7,500 to the hospital, \$3,000 to Food for Kids, \$5,300 to Dr. Bill Kerr's free dental clinic,

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points of view

Talking to the media

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If he chooses, he can skip campaign stops altogether. Or refuse media interviews.

That's his choice as a candidate.

But Devolin's decision last week to avoid our competitor's newspaper because of a perceived bias (see story on page 4) is unnecessary.

While he argues the paper won't cover him fairly because its managing editor (now on leave) is also his Liberal opponent, he is missing the other player in this scenario: the reader.

A discerning reader can tell immediately if a story is fair or biased.

And in a situation like this one, the reader will be on high alert for any uneven coverage.

Devolin should have nothing to fear from speaking to the media.

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Innovative medicine

Even though Haliburton had the recent good fortune of attracting another new doctor to its Family Health Team, there are still many underserved by our health-care system.

Dr. Nandini Cossons is a welcome addition to our community and will be whole-heartedly embraced by Haliburton, but she won't be able to take on all

of those needing medical help.

That's why it was exciting to hear emergency services director Pat Kennedy talk about a 2012 pilot project at last week's health services meeting.

He proposes a community paramedic program, where EMS workers returning to work from injury leave will fulfill simple medical needs of remote areas.

The program follows that of Renfrew County, where paramedics on standby do home visits and perform tests for residents at local community centres.

It's an inexpensive, simple idea that could make big change for the hamlets on the outskirts of the county, where getting to the clinic for a checkup is difficult.

Let's hope this fledgling pilot project becomes a pillar of our EMS service.

Poll results

Last week's online poll question: will you vote based on party preference or favourite candidate? Results showed that 43 per cent of respondents voted by party, 30 per cent took in both candidate preference and party preference, 13 per cent voted for candidates specifically and 13 per cent who took the poll weren't voting.

This week: If you were voting today, who would you cast your ballot for? Go to www.haliburtonecho.ca/poll to vote.



Jenn Watt
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Billings Lake

photo by Darren Lum

Big guns for gobblers

The other day a friend of mine called to tell me about the new 10-gauge turkey gun he bought. It had the camo finish, a specialized turkey choke, red-dot sight, thumbhole stock and the like. I would have expected no less. My buddy is new to turkey hunting – in fact, he's never actually seen a bird while in the field.

Actually, I'm not sure why he bought it. He has a perfectly good 12-gauge that he feeds with premium 3.5-inch shells – something that is already dangerously close to being too much gun for a mere turkey.

His theory, however, is that a 10-gauge (which is larger than a 12) will extend his effective range so that, should he see a turkey standing there at 50 yards, it's as good as his. Yes, for the cost of several hundred dollars, he has gained a few more feet of effective range – and enough recoil to rattle his teeth.

I'll go easy on him though. My friend wants to fill a turkey tag so badly that he's willing to spend big bucks just to eke out every last advantage. That's fine, though another solution would be to practice calling so that you are good enough to lure those birds in the extra distance. Or, failing that, to set up in a place where they are within range of your old gun the minute they step over the rise.

In any case, by purchasing this long-range unit, he has all but assured himself that his first turkey, and every other he sees from this point on, will show up at

approximately five yards.

Call me a dinosaur, but I remember when turkey hunters used to routinely collect birds with the same 12-gauge shotguns that they used for ducks. Back

then, there were no specialized turkey guns and, as we were taking our birds to the old check stations, we didn't know we were doing it wrong.

We just naturally assumed that any firearm that could kill a charging bull elephant was good enough for a 20-pound turkey provided it stepped within reasonable range.

Every year thousands of turkeys still pay the price for

straying within that magic 35 yard zone. But thousands more, stand there and taunt you at that frustrating 36 to 50 yard range. Obviously, the only reasonable solution is to buy a bigger gun.

But what of those birds that stand outside of the range of these?

I suspect that, in the future, new turkey hunters will pick up on this and realize that, an 8-gauge (which is bigger yet) is better still. Then, after a few seasons of this, frustrated rookies will be clamouring for the latest 6-gauge cannon, to extend range further. And so it would go.

Soon, this arms race would escalate so that we'd actually be shooting turkey so far out that manufacturers would have to sell amplifiers and spotting scopes along with their calls. Where will it end you ask?

I'm guessing at the chiropractor's office.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

points of view

Animal musings

LIKE HORNS HONKING on a congested street, the geese grumbings rose from the river as Vivian walked in the early morning hour. Spring had arrived and with it the melting of ice and movement of animals. Where only the occasional duck had quacked on a warm winter day, Canada geese now crowded the Drag River. They called and flapped loudly, insistently while the mallards did their own thing from a slight distance.

Vivian wondered if the geese were bullies who crowded out the smaller ducks, taking over the favourite feeding spots or more favourable sleeping and nesting places. No doubt mating would take place soon, if it hadn't already. Was all this commotion down on the water a sign of that or just goose behaviour in general?



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road

Vivian also noticed the crows. As far as she knew they were around all year but there seemed many more these days. Again it was early morning that this was most noticeable. Sometimes even before the alarm went off, Vivian was awakened by crows calling from tree tops and wires above the street. Crows were intelligent social birds and Vivian wondered if they were having conversations with each other as she walked by. It felt at times as though she was being watched by these glossy black creatures with the sly eyes.

The deer continued to be around her backyard. There was a time during the winter when she hadn't seen them for a few weeks but otherwise they were almost a daily sight. Probably hungry by now, they surely would be glad to see new shoots appearing in Vivian's garden. She had almost decided to let them be and not shoot them away from her emerging tulips as she used to do. Live and let live had become a stronger philosophy with the passing of years.

Last week while making her breakfast she had caught a movement out back and saw the deer running full tilt across her property, an unusual sight. Then Vivian saw the reason. Not far behind, a medium size black dog was barreling after them, ears flattened and legs churning. She wondered how long the dog would keep going and if it would end up so far from home that it would get lost. Deer are weaker after the long winter, some pregnant. Would they run out onto thin ice and plunge into the frigid water? These thoughts chased through Vivian's head and she gave it a shake before turning back to her coffee-making. Can't worry about everything, she told herself. Still, all day she found herself wondering about the black dog and the deer.

A few days later when Vivian was out walking as usual, she stopped to chat with a neighbour. A dog lover himself, he told Vivian of another neighbour's dog that had taken off after something in the bush and finally returned home two days later. Vivian wondered if that was the black dog she had seen.

The raccoons were about. Coming home from Peterborough the other night she had seen a dead one on the highway and had narrowly missed two others. At the time her friend Mary had expressed no sympathy for the creatures, calling them vicious and destructive. Vivian knew they were that but they were also more and she hated to see the yearly carnage on the roads begin again. The two that she was able to avoid had probably been part of a family since they were together. She had seen what looked like fear and desperation as her headlights picked up one scrambling to get out of her way.

Once the ice and frost was gone and the ground warmed in spring's golden sunshine, the turtles would start making their moves. Some not-very-bright people had taken down the highway signs that warned drivers to watch out for turtles crossing the highway. But even without the signs Vivian knew where to watch and prayed other drivers would do the same. It was such an unequal match, the car and the turtle.

Now Vivian sighed deeply and tried to think of other spring happenings. She could remove the extension chords that had been buried under her driveway's snow and put away the Christmas lights. Pussy willows will be ready to cut and bring inside for her kitchen table. A plump robin had hopped around the cedar hedge, head cocked for a worm. And as she walked, the sun was deliciously warm and she had switched from winter boots to sneakers. Things were looking up.



pic of the past

Back in 1986 this group of seniors were winners of the gold, silver and bronze awards in horseshoes, bridge and lawn bowling. Front row from left, Faye Silver, Evelyn Henderson, Simone Palmer, Gloria Lemieux, Millie Boskett and Lloyd Boskett; second row, Cecile McLeod, Virna Wagg, Lenore Gillespie, Bruce Armstrong, Hadden Gillespie and Alf Palmer; back row, Harry Henderson and Jack Burtch. Bruce Armstrong, who supplied this pic of the past clipping from the *Echo*, reminds us that it is time to register for the 2011 Ontario Senior Summer Games.

letters to the editor

Tough choices must be made

To the Editor,

Thank you for your editorial "Making tough choices." I was encouraged to hear that the work of people like Stephen Lewis and Dr. James Orbinski (former Doctors Without Borders president) convinced enough people with ethics to pass Bill C-393.

When arms, asbestos and some banned baby products have been shipped to Africa from Canada, how could we be concerned about the integrity of intellectual property rights?

Are we not putting the profit rights of multinational pharmaceutical companies above those millions of peo-

ple suffering? It's a good thing the Good Samaritan didn't have shares in a bandage company!

To ask Tony Clement, the MP for million-dollar cottages in Rosedale north, his opinion of intellectual property law is like giving a cat a plate of fish and a plate of lettuce and being surprised at its choice.

When Mr. Devolin calls those who voted for Bill C-393 hypocrites, does he think he or his party have the right to throw the first stone? (If they pay for the stone first.)

Judy and Fred Phipps
Haliburton

Don't bash Friends of Rail Trail

To the Editor,

The letter of Mr. Tom Lucas "Look to Lindsay for Rail Trail lessons" clearly shows the blatant ignorance and adamant selfishness of some typical users of the Rail Trail who have used and abused the trail at our expense.

Since the opening of this trail to ATVs and snowmobiles, we have endured increasing levels of noise, pollution, property damage and break and enters. While our taxes have steadily gone up, the property values have plummeted.

We are also feeling the effects of these degradations at the social levels in Haliburton County. No self-respecting medical practitioner is willing to relocate to Haliburton despite year-round calls for doctors.

I am a taxpayer here in Haliburton and a member of the Friends of the Rail Trail. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Pamela Marsales and her staff last summer. It was an honour.

Bashing the Friends of the Rail Trail is a callous disregard for the suffering and frustration of all local residents and landowners alongside the trail, as well as many concerned citizens including our elected officials and community leaders who are working together to find healthier and less destructive and disruptive alternatives to ATVs and other motorized means of noise and pollution on the Rail Trail.

So, if you like to escape the craze of the concrete jungle and come here for some peace and fresh air, please pack up some bikes on the rack and pick up the family and the kids, and some friends too. You might find some new friends in the Friends of the Rail Trail.

Baroon Mehra
Haliburton

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letters

They have no right

To the Editor,

I'd like to ask the government why they allowed the prisoners, the people who are serving time, to vote. My way of thinking, they shouldn't be allowed to vote. They don't have the right.

They are given three square meals a day, they don't pay taxes, they get a bed and a warm place to stay. They serve their time. What they're there for is the time they're serving, they don't pay anything and they still get the right to vote and I don't believe they should.

When they pay society the time they were given and they're back out on the street, then they should be able to vote.

Until that time they've served they shouldn't have the right.

**Robert Burns
Haliburton**

What is the big deal?

To the Editor,

What is Stephen Harper banging on about? Is Canada's economic health so precarious that the politicians can't take a scant five weeks away from Ottawa to speak to the people about their policies?

Didn't they take longer than that as a Christmas break without dire repercussions? Or is Stephen Harper simply fear mongering? Let's discuss hope, long term goals and the full range of our political priorities. No more talk of the cost of elections when in some countries people are paying with their lives for the opportunity to change leadership.

**Jim Milne
Haliburton**

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Haliburton loses its ambassador

To the Editor,

With the passing of Eunice Heyes on March 25, Haliburton lost her very best ambassador. Eunice loved all things Haliburton – the beautiful seasons, the glorious fall colours, the abundance of lakes, but most of all, the people. She never failed to share her love for the town and the town's people. And she was qualified to speak as it seems she knew everyone.

Eunice was a permanent fixture outside the V & S Store, cheerfully selling quilt raffle tickets or hand-painted Christmas ornaments for her beloved Haliburton Hospital auxiliary. But the sale of an item or ticket was just a small part of what she did. Eunice welcomed visitors and newcomers to our community, caught up with those she hadn't seen for a while, and educated everyone she spoke with on the "virtues and values" of the Hospital Auxiliary and the exemplary care we receive at the Haliburton Hospital from the finest staff of medical professionals that ever walked this earth. She was so very proud of our hospital. And, along the way, she shamelessly recruited new auxiliary members.

Eunice Heyes was this community's finest role model. When things had to be done within the auxiliary, she was the first to volunteer. She preferred a quieter role in the background but never stopped looking for ways to help or make things better. Although she celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this month, she never asked to be excused from her volunteer responsibilities because of infirmities, health, or even weather. There were no excuses.

Two years ago, Eunice received the prestigious Provincial Life Membership Award for her many years of volunteer service with both the Windsor Hospital Auxiliary and the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. The presentation was made at a luncheon in her honour. In typical Eunice fashion, she was astounded to receive an award for doing something she loved and was so passionate about.

Eunice loved any opportunity to be with people. This began with her deep love for her husband, Harry, and their children. She was so proud of her sons and daughters and adored her grandchildren and beautiful great-granddaughter, Olivia. When she spoke of her family, her face would light up. She always had a family story to share, and always had the time and interest to hear your story as well.

Eunice filled many roles within the hospital auxiliary, and within the community in general. And every role put



Eunice Heyes passed away on March 25. She will be dearly missed.
/Submitted photo

her in contact with other people. For years she looked after attendance at the auxiliary meetings. This gave her the opportunity to welcome and greet each member as they arrived and to briefly catch up on their life. She sent out warm personal greetings and words of thanks for donations to the auxiliary. She believed adamantly in the personal touch and every note from Eunice was handwritten. When a member was ill she arranged to have a meal delivered to their home along with an encouraging note or card. She rejoiced in her friends' happy events and sat quietly with them in their sorrows.

Eunice was a Master of Affirmation. She never missed an opportunity to say thank you, or to comment on a job well done. She expressed her appreciation often and well. She made all of us better at what we did because she believed we were better.

Eunice served as a mentor, confidante and adviser to many, including this writer. She possessed the wisdom of the ages and her approach to everything was always practical but caring. The hospital auxiliary motto is "To care and serve". That summarizes Eunice's life. She lived that motto right to the very end. Could any of us ask for a finer legacy?

Eunice Heyes passing leaves a huge hole in our hearts and in our community. We can honour her memory with our own endeavours to continue to make Haliburton the wonderful, welcoming and caring community in which she thrived; and in continuing to support our exceptional and vibrant hospital and health-care team.

**Judy Skinner
President – Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary**

An ironic government request

To the Editor,

How perversely ironic that Barry Devolin's latest taxpayer-funded flyer, unwelcomingly stuffed in our mailboxes, should call for "open and honest government" concerning the accounting of funds provided to First Nations, at the very same instant that the Harper government has been found in contempt of Parliament for its failure to provide proper and sufficient financial information to the House of Commons. Mr. Devolin brags that: "transparency is our government's priority." What absolute nonsense; a blatant lie!

Mr. Devolin is fairly well known in these parts for making comments without thinking, for his mental myopia, for his disdain for the people's wishes, for making misleading, dissembling statements. When asked to heed taxpayer concerns about the Stanhope Airport expansion, he trashed cottage associations as being unimportant, only later realizing the significance of their contributions to the local tax base. Then, he tried to cover his tracks, claiming he was really only neutral when, in fact, he had been an expansion cheerleader. When asked to support the campaign by the reservoir lakes for an independent water management authority, as called for in the expert panel report on the Trent-Severn Waterway, Devolin first pooh-poohed that report as "pie in the sky" and "ivory tower thinking by unrealistic dreamers with their heads in the clouds" (those remarks were witnessed by others). Later, he unwittingly stated that the only folks who deserved a legitimate say in TSW matters were those who "actually lived along the canal," totally overlooking the physical reality that without the

lakes to the north there would be no canal – the water taken from us to top up the canal is our issue too! Of course, realizing his blunder, he then claimed he had been misinterpreted. In truth, the Tory government squashed the best parts of its own report and simply gave us more of the past, cruelly neglecting to provide enough funds to even do that properly.

Now, we are fed more of this perverse BS Stephen Harper treats Parliament with disdain, even after the "People's Referee," the Speaker (whom Devolin wishes to replace), tells the Prime Minister he must provide more financial details of his programs to MPs so they can properly do their jobs. Harper refuses. His government is defeated because he is in contempt of Parliament, in contempt of democratically elected members from other parties who have a right to that information.

Harper, the demagogue that he is, covers up lies by a minister who fudges a grant document, then won't admit her actions. Harper, who pretends he is "Mr. Clean," refuses to fire a minister who uses taxpayer stationary to raise partisan political funds. The People's Representatives in other parties are rightly upset. Who can blame them!

Now for the most perverse irony of all. Mr. Devolin uses our money to pretend to claim that he favours open, honest government, especially when it comes to reviewing tax paid funding for First Nations programs. This is the same kind of elitist thinking by sanctimonious do-gooders that, years ago, led to residential schools and other measures that, far from helping native populations to thrive and grow, destroyed their cultures, abused their

children and crippled their incentives. Only now are we learning to let them grow and develop through their own leadership. They will make mistakes along the way; who doesn't? That's how we learn.

Even more shockingly near-sighted and misguided on the part of Mr. Devolin is the perverse irony that this campaign to oversee the accounting of grants to native programs comes at the very instant that former members of Prime Minister Harper's own staff are alleged to have engaged in influence peddling designed to skim off millions of dollars in kick-backs from water purification programs designed to save lives in some of our poorest Canadian communities. Instead of picking on poor native bands who may not be perfect in their accounting, Mr. Devolin should pay more attention to heeding the ruling of Mr. Milliken, whose chair he wishes to occupy. He and the Harper government he is part of should be more open with us, should uphold, not destroy, our democratic parliamentary traditions. They now bear the shame of being the only government in the history of the British Commonwealth ever to have been held in contempt, and to have lost the country's confidence by their duplicitous actions.

Given Devolin's own shortcomings, one hopes his dream of parking his butt in the Speaker's chair will fail, and Harper's government will be defeated by the people on May 2 – on the basis of its own failure to be open, honest, transparent.

**Roger Young
Highlands East**

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The company is so confident in its work that "we back everything we produce with a lifetime warranty," says Mastrorillo. "We design and make it ourselves, so we know the quality is excellent."

"We make sure our products advance with the times," says Raj Kain, vice-president of sales and

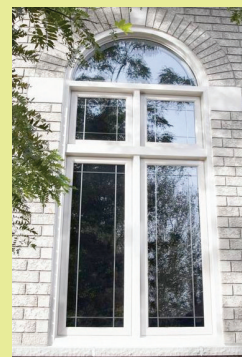
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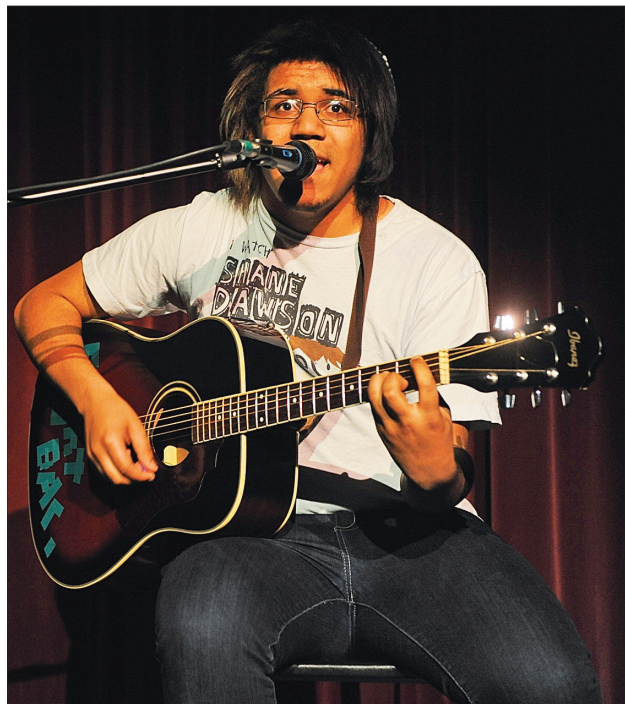
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HHSS Tribute Talent Show



Tyler Gilligan performs a dance number dedicated to her Papa.



Mark Christy performs a self-penned song.



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

During the show's finale students perform an encore dance at the Northern Lights Pavilion during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School annual Tributes Talent Show, held on March 30.

Stage bursts with talent

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

To some it may have only appeared to be an ordinary flower arrangement, but the vase filled with blooms at the end of the stage at the Northern Lights Pavilion signified a school bursting with talent.

On March 30 more than 50 participants showcased their talent to a full house during the seventh annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Tributes Talent Show. This year's theme, the movies, was made apparent through improv skits, songs, dance numbers, poetry, monologues and comedy routines.

Under the direction of drama teacher Elke Zilla, every piece performed was dedicated to someone or something, an important facet to a show highlighting each individual's

unique talent.

Elke got the evening started with a Mother Earth tribute, titled Your Majesty, dedicated to Penny Obee, a former vice-principal of the high school who recently passed away while on vacation in Costa Rica.

Other tributes were made to inspiring family members, friends and loved ones. Each flower symbolized a tribute and was added to a pot one by one by each of the evening's performers.

One of the show's brightest stars, Caleb Zilla, capped off the evening by performing a monologue tribute to his mother, who, he says, inspires him to pursue his love of drama.

Experiencing its best turnout in history the event, said Elke, is all about the community.

"Just look at that flower pot of incredible talent for a pretty small town," said Elke.

Rotary Club sells chance to throw a pie at a HHSS teacher

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

Teacher Jennifer Paton and students involved with the Rotary Club of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will soon begin fundraising to build a well and possibly toilets for a school of 1,100 in India that is without water.

Taking many charities into consideration, the club finally chose HAVE (Help A Village Effort).

HAVE is a locally created organization dedicated to water issues.

"We chose this charity partially because locals are involved, and partially because we can really see how our money is being used," said Paton.

During the week of April 4, the team will sell ballots to

pie teachers, delicious baked goods and tickets to get out of class.

In just one week these students wish to raise \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Paton is optimistic about their organization's goal.

"If we don't raise enough, then we will do more after, we are pretty good at raising money at our school."

MPP Johnson pleased with provincial budget

➤ Opposition denounces HST, hydro increases

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A new provincial budget is placing an emphasis on education and health care, two priorities local MPP Rick Johnson is thrilled about.

Unveiled by Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan on March 29, the budget aims to reduce the provincial deficit while maintaining the status quo on government spending.

"It's basically a stay the course budget except there's a few things that I'm extremely happy with," said Johnson.

Included among those things is a new risk management program designed to help cattle, hog, sheep and veal farmers, a self-directed risk management program for the edible horticulture sector, as well as extending the current pilot risk management program for grains and oilseed farmers.

"It's huge for our overall riding because it gives the farmers some bankability at the beginning of a crop season ... it's an insurance program. We've been inundated this morning with calls from the farmers, they're so happy with this."

The province will increase agricultural and rural affairs spending to \$1.2 billion, from \$919 million.

In terms of education funding, 60,000 new post-secondary spaces are being created.

"I was talking to the president of Fleming College last night and he said this is great news for Fleming," said Johnson.

The full implementation of full-day learning for kindergarten will be phased in by 2014.

Other great news, according to Johnson, came in the form of a new mental health and addictions program targeted at children and youth. The new program will be administered by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

The program will include \$257 million in new funding over three years aimed at child and youth mental health. The funding will see an investment of \$76 million this year, \$88 million in 2012-2013 and \$93 million in 2013-2014.

"This is going to make a difference in the lives of kids in Haliburton County," he said.

According to Johnson, Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Children and Youth Services in Haliburton County, was an advocate for these types of services.

"This is a very welcome investment and we're grateful the province has recognized the mental health needs of young people today in our community and across the province," said Cox in a press release following the budget announcement.

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We're working towards balancing the budget and we're going to do it in a responsible way over a period of time. I think people will sit back and say this is a good deal for Ontario.

— MPP Rick Johnson

"Additional funding will ensure we see more children and youth needing help and that the quality of care they receive will remain excellent," said Cox.

Criticisms from the opposition parties were made regarding increasing hydro costs and the HST.

"We're thinking everybody across Ontario, particularly in rural Ontario, has been so hard hit by hydro rate increases and taxations on essential commodities," said John Yakubuski, Progressive Conservative MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. "There's no relief in this budget for families who have been crushed under the tax and rate increase load that this government has hoisted upon them. If you listen to anybody in the last six months that has been an ongoing lament of the taxpayer. They're looking for some kind of relief from the government."

Johnson maintains the government is repairing a hydro system that was deserted from 1990 to 2003.

"It's an ongoing expense and we're elected to make sure those valuable public services are maintained."

According to Johnson, the deficit for 2010-11 is projected to be \$16.7 billion, \$3 billion lower than forecasted a year ago.

This, said Johnson, is a sign the economy is starting to recover.

"The deficit was created because of the recession, we used that money to keep people working. It was a conscious decision and now we're paying that off."

According to Johnson, the province has recovered 91 per cent of the jobs lost during the economic recession, a trend not yet seen by neighbouring country the United States.

"The premier said yesterday this [the budget] is good for the times and it's in keeping with our values," said Johnson.

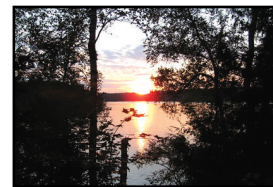
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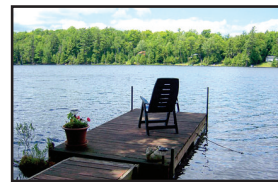
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Esson Lake sets stage for *Solstice* filming

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Haliburton County was hit with the last significant snowstorm it was a rude awakening. However, for one cottager it was a dream come true.

Ryan Knight, who is an up and coming film professional that has held virtually every title within the industry, including director, writer and director of photography, came up to his family's cottage during his off time to take advantage of the snow and winter landscape, perfect for his "film pitch," *Solstice*.

The depiction of the inner struggles of a rookie cop from the city when he attempts to solve a small town's first murder fit in perfectly with the Esson Lake area.

The natural surroundings lent itself to the psychological journey his main character undertakes in the script, he said.

The late winter snowstorm added the final touch that he needed. Knight's anxiety evaporated once he arrived at his cottage despite an anxious two-plus hour drive from Toronto.

"On the way up there was like no snow pretty much the entire route even on Highway 503. Then from Essonville Line we turned onto Rowbotham Lane and it's like oh, my God. There was three times more snow than I expected. It was a great relief," he said, adding he planned his entire shoot



Ryan Knight checks the camera before shooting during the three-day filming of the "film pitch" *Solstice* out on Esson Lake on Tuesday, March 22. Knight, who was a director, producer, writer and director of photography, led a crew of three on-location at his cottage in Wilberforce to take advantage of the winter landscape and the frozen lake. He hopes to sell the "film pitch."

in his head before even getting there.

The York University graduate, who finished with a BA, specialized honours in film theory, spent summers as a boy cottag-

ing with his parents on the lake and knows the area intimately, hitting the ground running, bringing his script to life.

The last time the 26-year-old, who also

completed a summer intensive program in Film and Digital Cinematography at the University of Southern California, shot in and around his family cottage was for his first movie when he was 18. Except at that time there were obviously fewer challenges since it was the summer.

This time around there was enough snow and ice that it provided everything he wanted, but also its own share of difficulties.

Just off the main road of Essonville Line, there was an undulating, icy drive of just more than a kilometre to the cottage, followed by an impassable driveway. Only all-wheel-drive vehicles were able to make the short drive, leaving one vehicle behind.

With 100 feet of driveway, covered in a few feet of snow, on a steep pitch, his crew of four, including his actor, struggled with the 70 pound cases of equipment into and out from the cottage on foot.

The usual film crew of some 20 people was not available for this shoot like it was on the other half of the film pitch. This slowed things considerably, leaving more than one role to each person such as Knight being a director, writer, producer and director of photography and Chris Abell as the producer and camera assistant. Jordan Duarte was the actor while Rafal Strupinski was the gaffer and John Shumelda was the grip.

Without any running water, Knight's

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Knight follows in steps of contemporary directors

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crew of colleagues and friends had little concern for the disheveled look from long night shoots, as his collaborators were working against time, constrained quarters when shooting inside the cottage and the melting of the lake, crucial to his shoot.

Knight, who has directed four feature movies this past year, is less concerned with any career pinnacle than he is about personal growth and fulfillment expressed through the medium.

However Knight's several years of film experience, commercials and music videos has deepened his appreciation for the medium.

"Recently I've taken a huge interest in the careers of [directors] David Fincher and Christopher Nolan because they're younger and came to their place in the world in a much different way than people like Steven Spielberg. Spielberg and his company have been involved with restructuring of the entire studio system in the 1960s and 1970s," he said. "These new directors came through different ways, which would be a path that would be mostly like mine with music videos and commercials."

Both of the young directors possess a diverse set of skills and have been involved in script writing and attaining financing and distribution.

"They have a huge grasp on story, character and structure, but they also have a tremendous understanding of the technical side of things, which is very important because the director needs to be able to inform and share with each department [of a film] what needs to be done can make the film the way it is supposed to be made."

They are among the hottest in Hollywood, recently associated to highly acclaimed movies such as *Inception* and *The Social Network*.

Knight said his best known public work is *The Road of the World* in 2006, a National Film Board of Canada winner in the Make Shorts, Not War competition, which can be viewed at <http://www3.onf.ca/faitesdescourtspaslaguerre/index.php?lg=en> and *All about Oscar* (<http://vimeo.com/9232448>), which was made for On The Lot and was in many film festivals internationally.

The Esson Lake raw footage is close to five hours in length and will be edited into a six minute piece and ready to be seen on his vimeo website in anywhere between four and eight weeks, he said.

Knight hopes to use the edited footage shot at Esson



Lake, along with his other sequence of edited work shot earlier near Peterborough, to get picked up by a studio so he can finish the rest of his psychological thriller. The final touches are still in the works with improvements to the sound and the music left.

It is already posted to his vimeo site of the first sequence shot for *Solstice*.

"We haven't even sent it out just yet. It's got a lot of great response from viewers both professional and the general population," he said of the first roughly edited sequence.

The young director hopes to have the entire "film pitch" ready by summer so that if it gets picked up he could start production in January 2012.

Late in 2010 he finished four movies and has done commercial work for CIBC.

His other work includes short films, commercials, music videos and feature length movies, some of which is also available on the vimeo website: <http://vimeo.com/19276465>.

Director Ryan Knight prepares for a shot during the filming of the "film pitch" *Solstice* out on Esson Lake at his cottage on Tuesday, March 22. Knight led a crew of three for a three-day shooting in Wilberforce to take advantage of the winter landscape and the frozen lake. He hopes to sell the film pitch that will include another sequence shot in the Peterborough area.

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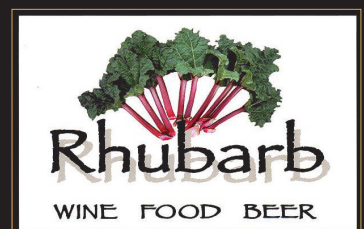
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Local dental team receives more in Honduras

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's been three years and the experience still leaves her in awe.

Local dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton has been part of a team of dental health practitioners since 2009 that have been making one-week visits bringing hope and education to the coastal town of El Porvenir, Honduras.

It is located just off the shores of the Caribbean Sea, flanked by pineapple fields, tropical forests and mountains and has a population of close to 3,000.

This team, comprised of mainly local volunteers, has provided free dental procedures such as tooth extractions, white fillings and root canals for close to a 1,000 patients in three years. They also train local dentists and leave behind essential dental tools.

Translated into English as future, the town is being assured of a brighter one thanks to the dedication of Stoughton and local dentist Bill Kerr, who have been with the team since the beginning.

Stoughton recently returned from Honduras a few weeks ago and recounted this recent experience and the past three years.

Neither has any reason to quit and from the invaluable payment they receive, it's no wonder.

"We get paid in hugs and tears of happiness from some. It's a very nice feeling to be paid that way so it's rewarding. Much more rewarding than receiving a paycheque at the end of the week," she said, adding it's difficult to leave behind the orphans.

"They're the toughest ones to leave. They have absolutely nothing and they're full of 'I love you's' and hugs," she said.

Part of the trip includes an education component and Stoughton said illiteracy among the populace is one problem to the detriment of overall health.

"They don't even understand feeding their baby a bottle of Coca-cola all the time is rotting their teeth. Even though they see it they don't put the two together until we teach them," she



The dental team, left, front to back, Lisa Stoughton, Brenda Nicholson and Anne Fowler. Bill Kerr, Cathy Johnston, Lisa Kerr, Christine Marsh, Loretta Kerr and Helen Dodsworth recently returned from Honduras after spending several days educating and offering free dental service in the small community of El Porvenir. /Submitted photo

said. "The main portion of it is nutrition because they have diets unbelievably high in sugar. On average every citizen drinks three litres of coke a day," she said. "Everywhere you go kids are eating sugar ... they walk around with suckers in their mouths constantly and babies with suckers."

This year the team, divided into two, one for cleaning and assessments, which Stoughton is a part of, and the other to perform surgery, worked in two locations with the addition of a new clinic a few minutes by car from the municipal town office location, used temporarily for the week. Days lasted eight hours for the first team, limited by the municipal hours and close to 12 hours at the clinic, starting at 8 a.m., for the other.

The new medical clinic was opened because of the efforts of

Gooderham resident and philanthropist Anne Fowler, who is also a resident of El Porvenir for six months of the year. Fowler started the initiative.

"Anne Fowler asked us to come and offered to give us room and board if we would see the school children in grades 4 to 6 at the local public school in El Porvenir. In this village, many children do not continue their education beyond Grade 6 and it was a chance to give them oral hygiene instruction and clean their teeth and treat the most urgent cases, of which there are many, before they left school," Kerr said. "It is a wonderful experience to travel with a team and help children that don't have anywhere else to turn. It is extremely challenging to work under less than ideal conditions and to see as many children as possible in the span of our visit. It can be exhausting and very stressful but at the end of the week the entire team always feels a huge sense of accomplishment."

In past years the second team travelled to the mountainous region to deliver health service.

"We go one day at a time and see what happens because it is pretty crazy," she said, referring to how the team copes with ever-changing challenges such as power outages and teacher strikes.

The dental hygienist for more than 13 years has always wanted to do something like this before and besides helping in a soup kitchen in Toronto this was the first.

"It's something I've always, always wanted to do. I just had to wait for the right timing for when my kids were older," she said. "I will pass it along on to my children. It's something everybody should do once in their life because you do come back with a different perspective on your own life."

Stoughton has three children: a 21-year-old son, 12-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son. She hopes to take her 12-year-old daughter in three years.

Although the community is somewhat impoverished (evident by the state of its buildings and homes that are often shacks without windows, sometimes constructed of mud or corrugated steel walls, barely able to withstand a strong wind) the attire sported by the public gives a more prosperous impression with pretty bows in the girls' hair, bright white school shirts, though threadbare, and the cologne wearing teens with gelled hair. This façade prosperity is often given away by the bare toes poking through the tops of shoes to make room for growing feet, she said.

Some of the poverty problems, Stoughton said, with the country have origins related to hurricane Mitch in 1998, which caused catastrophic flooding and killed close to 11,000 people. It is regarded as the second-deadliest Atlantic hurricane in history.

It left Honduras with \$5 billion U.S. in damages.

The first team that Stoughton went to Honduras with was small with four: Stoughton; Kerr; Stoughton's sister-in-law, Dawn Stoughton, who helped assist; and dentist Bernt Fiebiger.

That team has grown into an eight-member group consisting of Stoughton; Kerr; his wife Lisa; teenage daughter dental assistant, Loretta; hygienists Cathy Johnston; Helen Dodsworth; dental assistant, Brenda Nicholson; and restorative hygienist that could do fillings, Christine Marsh.

Marsh's addition increased efficiency two-fold for that procedure, helped in part with the donation of a dentist's chair and X-ray machine.

The South American experience has led to the local initiative to start the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic for Haliburton County.

"There's so many people around here to help, too. We could work 24/7 for the rest of our lives. It's a good thing to do. We love it. We're definitely committed for life," she said.

Fundraising for the outreach begins at the start of the school year and despite the exhausting work, she knows the value it has to the South American community and to herself is all worth it.

"We're lifers, Bill and I. I cannot imagine missing a year and not being there. The children make up for it. They are extremely grateful."

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Council creates new committees

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In an effort to promote the municipality of Highlands East, council has established new committees targeting a variety of issues and opportunities in the area.

At a special meeting of council held on March 28 councillors defined the scope of each committee of council and who the primary stakeholders would be.

The newly formed committees include: economic development and business, trails, environment and green energy, housing and parks and recreation.

Reeve Dave Burton first proposed the idea for the committees in 2010 following the election.

Burton suggested these committees be established to target specific issues facing residents of Highlands East and the future of the municipality.

The meeting included special guest Judy Coward, economic development consultant for the rural community development branch of the Ministry of Agriculture for Food and Rural Affairs, as well as Bob Smith, economic development officer for the County of Haliburton.

The economic development and business committee will focus on promoting existing businesses in the area and attracting new business. Trails will deal with identifying existing single and multipurpose trails and future trail expansion. Environment and green energy will tackle environmental initiatives and opportunities for grants. The housing committee will address housing needs within the municipality, including

assisted living and rent geared to income.

"It's important to remember that these are flexible guidelines and we can move and adapt these as needed," said Burton.

Each committee will be represented by members of the community and chaired by a member of council.

Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall will chair the economic development and business committee. Ward 4 Councillor Joan Barton will chair trails while Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge will be responsible for environment and green energy. Ward 1 Councillor Steven Kauffeldt will chair the housing committee.

Burton will also serve as a member of each committee.

The municipality will be seeking expressions of interest from members of the public who wish to sit on these committees during the next few weeks.

Conservatives' flyers questioned

Lisa Gervais
Special to the *Echo*

Federal voters are questioning the delivery of three flyers from former Conservative MP Barry Devolin after an election was called.

The circulars include one on "open and honest government," saying the Conservatives are proposing a new law for First Nations communities, requiring the publication of salaries and expenses.

A second discusses Devolin's now possibly defunct private member's motion M-369 dealing with Democratic People's Republic of Korea refugees entering China but being forced to return to their country to face persecution. Devolin had been trying to broker a deal between China, Canada and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. That flyer goes on to advertise April meetings in the riding.

The third invites readers to the MP's annual walk for MS in Lindsay April 17.

Jamie Schmale, who is working for Devolin on his re-election campaign, said they had received a few calls about the mail-outs.

"Both designs [the First Nations and Private Members Bill flyers] were sent to the House of Commons for printing in early March.

"Unfortunately, there is a three to five week delay [based on how busy the printers are] from the time the flyers are submitted to the time Canada Post is able to insert them into area mailboxes.

"You may have noticed that we had gone to the effort of setting up public meetings on Barry's private member's motion concerning North Korean refugees in April.

"This was done in anticipation of a deal with one of the opposition parties could have been reached in exchange for their support of the budget.

"Unfortunately, this was not able to happen and the government was defeated triggering a federal election.

"Once Parliament is dissolved, all printing of MP material is stopped and not allowed to continue.

"In this case, the completed flyers were submitted to Canada Post by the House of Commons print shop and in the process of being distributed before the prime minister went to the governor general.

"Once Canada Post is involved, the process, by law, must be allowed to continue. This would be similar to if you put a letter in a mailbox. Once the letter is submitted, there is no way of getting it back."



Tanks and army vehicles roll through town

A Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) with the Canadian Forces drives up Cedar Avenue past a passenger vehicle, waiting at the stop sign during training manoeuvres in Haliburton County on Friday, April 1. There were several LAVs, including support vehicles that were spotted throughout the county on the day. They stopped momentarily in the Head Lake Park parking lot late afternoon.

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High school students find love for art

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

For the students in the Grade 12 portfolio class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School the things they found along the way include a love of photography, a passion for fashion and a nostalgic connection to music.

On April 3 the exhibit "Things we found along the way" opened at the Rails End Gallery to a full house of supportive family and community members, as more than 100 attendees gathered at the opening reception.

Under the direction of instructor Paul Marshall, students from the portfolio class found a strong connection to the exhibit's title, said Marshall, as they broke it down.

"The first thing they found was the thing," said Marshall. "Was the thing an actual object or was the thing an understanding or a belief or a knowledge? Was the we an individual or was it a group or more of a global context?"

With these questions in mind the students went on their way and began to build on those ideas.

Constructed around the idea of an art fair, students showcased their work during the exhibit's opening reception while explaining the inspiration and thought process



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Tammy Rea admires a piece of artwork created by Haliburton high school student Skyla Graham during the opening reception of the exhibit *Things We Found Along the Way*, at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton Village on April 2. The exhibit featured art created by students in the Grade 12 portfolio class. See more photos online at haliburtonecho.ca.

that went into creating it.

Pieces varied from photography, to a wire structure mobile, to a silhouette dress made out of canvas, aptly titled "silhouette."

However one theme remained prevalent throughout the gallery, a love for art amongst all the students, some of who

are planning on continuing their art studies during post-secondary education.

The portfolio class is a dual credit course, with students earning a college credit under the instruction of local artist Lisa Barry.

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Music is poetry in motion

Some readers will recognize right away that I borrowed the title for this month's column from Johnny Tillotson's, 1961, No. 1 hit. Others may say, "I thought this column was about music, not poetry!" As always, the readers are correct, on both counts.

Greg Roe



Music Notes

April is Poetry Month and music is poetry and many poems have been put to music. Auld Lang Syne by Robbie Burns and Richard Cory, by Edward A. Robinson come to mind. That isn't to say that all music is poetry or that all music is good poetry, but there is no doubt that they are Kissin' Cousins ... to reference Elvis.

Like music, poetry has characteristics such as rhythm, rhyme and meter and there are poems that are called ballads as well as those called lyric poetry. As well, both poetry and music can evoke strong emotions in the reader/listener, in a short period of time. There are many other similarities between music and poetry too numerous to mention here, but any English teacher will tell you that if you want to "sell" poetry to your students, use music. Good poetry and good music have both been described as, "the best possible words put in the best possible way."

Wildlife in your backyard

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Many red polls were at Jan McMaster's feeder last week. Notice one is white with the red cap unlike the others. Could this be an "albinism" or maybe "leucistic" (reduced pigmentation)? The eye is not red so McMaster guesses leucistic.

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not songs. That came later with the folk movement. There is, of course, a grey area here as none of these periods of time were clearly delineated.

Canada has produced many excellent singing poets in the form of the singer/songwriter. We have Ian Tyson (think Cowboy Poetry Festival), Joni Mitchell, Gordie Lightfoot and Leonard Cohen. Cohen actually started his career(s) as a poet and many of his songs can be found in his books of poetry, such as *Stranger Music*. His works can stand firmly alone as either poems or songs.

As mentioned in previous columns, Haliburton County is a hotbed of artistic endeavours and poetry is no exception. There are many poets hidden away in the Highlands. Some are blatantly out there as poets while others pursue the art in more clandestine ways. We even have poetry readings and a *Dead Poets Society*. I'd venture to say that everyone has written a poem at some point in time.

So grab a book of poetry, find a child, grandchild, friend or just yourself and sit down and read a poem (or two). It will be music to your ears. And remember: "If you see someone walking down the street talking to themselves, don't cross to the other side; rather, approach him for he is a poet and you have nothing to fear from the poet, but the truth!"

Next month in this column we will be taking the ultimate road trip. So, in the spirit of Poetry Month:

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Chess games determine champs

Almost 300 eager young chess players descended on Haliburton Village Friday, March 26, to contest the 2011 Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship. The youngsters represented 15 schools from across central Ontario.

The tournament featured five rounds of play for students in Grade 1 through to Grade 8 that would decide the district champions. Also on the line were invitations to the provincial championship to be held in Toronto on April 18. The top 3 in each category qualified for the provincial finals, with larger sections sending four to the provincials.

The newcomers in Grade 1 showed they were ready for action. Hudson MacArthur and Jonah Aldom from Stuart Baker Elementary placed first and second ahead of Connor Baxter of Langton Public School.

In Grade 2 Kaston Johnson of Muskoka Falls Public School took top honours in a field of 26 players, followed by Tanner Warren (Parkview Public School) and Owen Wooton of Stuart Baker Elementary School.

The highest rated player in the tournament was in Grade 3, Miki Bukta of Stuart Baker Elementary breezed to the championship with five wins. His sights are set on a trip to the national finals. He is currently rated seventh in Ontario and 20th in Canada for Grade 3 players. Cardiff Elementary's Brayden Rodgers showed that last year's third place was no fluke. He improved to take second with Langton's Hayden Pounder taking third.

In Grade 4, Johah Wessell of Ridgewood took top honours with Aidan Coles and Bo Stevenson of J.D. Hodgson following in second and third.

Grade 5 was nearly a sweep for the Jaguars of J.D. Hodgson School. Peter Stastny of King Albert Public School spoiled the party by taking second place between champion Emily Klose and Sam Longo.

There were new faces in Grade 6 as Archie Stouffer Elementary's Chris Thompson defeated Langton's Nevin Swanson in a sudden-death final, while newcomer Shadman Samin of J.D. Hodgson took third and also earned an invitation to the provincial finals.

Zoe Orion of Lady MacKenzie took the Grade 7 crown, with Junwoo Kim of K.P. Manson Public School taking second, while Matthew Manahan of Ridgewood Public School followed in third.

Angus Sullivan took the Grade 8 trophy to finish his elementary playing days. He was last year's Grade 7 champion. He defeated his teammate Spencer Devolin in the final round and was followed by Alexander Trivett of Muskoka Beechgrove Public School in third.

The team title once again went to J.D. Hodgson Elementary School with 57.5 points, followed closely by Stuart Baker Elementary with 53.5 and Lady Mackenzie Public School with 35.2.

Standings 2010 TLDSB Chess Championship
Grade 1

- 1 Hudson MacArthur, Stuart Baker Elementary
- 2 Jonah Aldom, Stuart Baker Elementary
- 3 Connor Baxter, Langton Public School

Grade 2

- 1 Kaston Johnson, Muskoka Falls Public School
- 2 Tanner Warren, Parkview Public School
- 3 Owen Wooton, Stuart Baker Elementary

Grade 3

- 1 Miki Bukta, Stuart Baker Elementary
- 2 Brayden Rodgers, Cardiff Elementary School
- 3 Hayden Pounder, Langton Public School

Grade 4

- 1 Johah Wessell, Ridgewood Public School
- 2 Aidan Coles, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
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Grade 5

- 1 Emily Klose, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
- 2 Peter Stastny, King Albert Public School
- 3 Sam Longo, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School

Grade 6

- 1 Chris Thompson, Archie Stouffer Elementary School
- 2 Nevin Swanson, Langton Public School
- 3 Shadman Samin, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School

Grade 7

- 1 Zoe Orion, Lady MacKenzie Public School

- 2 Junwoo Kim, K.P. Manson Public School
 - 3 Matthew Manahan, Ridgewood Public School
- Grade 8**

- 1 Angus Sullivan, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
- 2 Spencer Devolin, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
- 3 Alexander Trivett, Muskoka Beechgrove Public School

Submitted by Blake Paton

Miki Bukta of Stuart Baker Elementary School was the highest rated player in the tournament. /Darren Lum photo



The Minden Curling Club and the 282 young curlers who competed in the 24th Annual Timbits Elementary School Provincial Curling Championship would like to thank the Organizing Committee (Jane Boyd, Dwight Thomas, Pauline Plooard, Barb Millington, Lynda Litwin, Dave McKay and Eric Casper), the volunteers, the coaches and the sponsors for making this bonspiel such an amazing success. Thank you so much!



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Clockwise, from far left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School teacher, left, Ed Poropat asks Austin Billings questions about his project on the Royal Canadian Air Force that included information on the Avro Arrow; Grade 5 students, left, Shaina Hunter and Maggie Marchant show off their biggest and most impressive teaching aid, moose antlers, for their heritage project, Canadian Animals; Dante MacArthur's project on Canadian inventions caught the eye of many; Grade 5 student, left, Matt Allin fields questions about his polar bear project from Grade 7 student Caleb Schmidt during the JDHES Heritage Fair at the school on Friday, April 1. There were close to 80 Grade 4 and 5 students participating, showing topics of interest on local and nationally recognized heritage topics such as the Canadian Forces, CBC Radio, Sir Sam's, maple syrup, the HHOA fish hatchery and explorer John Franklin.



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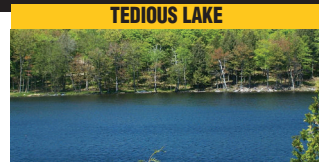
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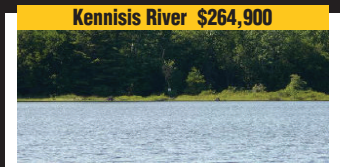
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Roll over a dead log lying in the woods and you may find one of these yellow-spotted salamanders hiding underneath.

A forest is a community

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As a child, there was nothing I liked better than to turn over old logs on the forest floor or peer into the cavities or under the loose bark of dead trees. Some fascinating critter would almost always scurry away for cover. With a bit of luck, I might find a snake or salamander that I would catch to show my friends and parents. More than anything, however, there was always the thrill of never knowing just what I might find.

A forest is a community. It is much more than an assortment of living trees. It is also the understory, wildflowers, ferns, mosses, bacteria, and myriad animal life, both large and small. Sunshine, rain, wind, rock, soil, and leaf litter are part of a forest, too. In this community, the lives of its inhabitants are woven together in an intricate web of complex, often poorly understood relationships. What we do know, however, is that the removal of any one element of the community can have a serious impact on the community as a whole.

An element of forests that some people may consider dispensable is dead or dying

trees. These are sometimes referred to as den trees when they are alive and have a cavity in the trunk or large branch. The term "snag" is used when the tree is dead. Eventually, when a snag or part of a snag falls to the ground, it will become a log. As we will see, these trees and logs are a key component of a healthy forest community. We therefore need to challenge the notion that dead trees are untidy and aesthetically objectionable or that leaving them standing is somehow wasteful because they could be used for firewood.

Cause of death: varied

Trees die as a result of everything from disease and injury to drowning and malnutrition. Occasionally, they may simply succumb to old age. Walking through the woods we might see a dead white pine, with its bark ripped from top to bottom as a result of a lightning bolt. In a grove of hardwoods, we may come across a beech or butternut dying a lingering death from disease. In denser areas of the forest, there may be trees that have simply lost the battle for space and sunlight. Holes in trees usually develop when a branch breaks off and the exposed wood is invaded by fungi, bac-

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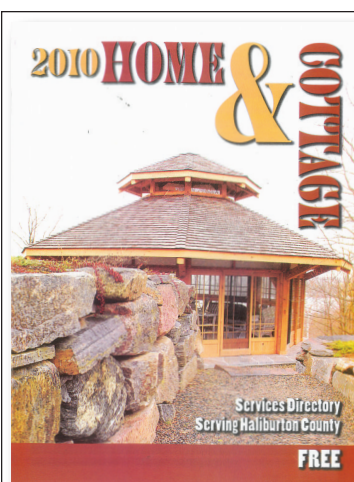
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Dead trees can be the source of life for many creatures

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teria and invertebrates such as carpenter ants and boring beetles. Eventually, cavities may result. Later, when the tree dies, a large portion of the trunk itself may become hollow.

Rather than removing these trees, we need to leave them standing in order to decompose naturally. Dead and dying trees are used by wildlife in almost every stage of their decay. A large variety of animals make nests in hollow cavities and crevices in standing deadwood. By attracting insects, dead trees also serve as a convenient, one-stop smorgasbord for wildlife looking for a snack. The higher branches often serve as look-outs from which raptors and even songbirds such as flycatchers can spot potential prey. Nooks and crannies provide a great place for animals to cache food. And, once the tree has fallen to the ground, moss, lichens, and fungi all aid in the return of vital nutrients to the soil. Seedlings, too, often grow on these "nurse logs" while a plethora of organisms make a living both inside and underneath.

Chickadee to eagle

Some of the most valuable and interesting animals of our woodlands are absent when there are no trees with dead limbs, holes or hollow trunks. Many birds make nesting cavities in these trees or use existing, older excavations. Some of these species include nuthatches, chickadees, brown creepers, woodpeckers, tree swallows, purple martins, chimney swifts, great crested flycatchers, winter wrens, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, kestrels, screech owls, barred owls and saw-whet owls. Ospreys and bald eagles often build their nests on broken-topped or dead trees.

Many mammals, too, depend on snags. Deer mice, red squirrels, gray squirrels, fly-

ing squirrels, raccoons, and even foxes use cavities in these trees for denning. Little brown bats – an increasingly endangered species – find refuge under the loose bark. Maybe even more importantly, snags provide habitat for insects such as beetles and ants which, in turn, are an essential food source for birds and mammals. They are also where butterflies such as the mourning cloak and eastern comma overwinter and where wild honey bees make their hives.

When a gust of wind finally brings a snag crashing to the ground, another act in the drama begins. Some fallen trees rot more rapidly than others, depending upon the kind of tree and whether or not it lies in contact with damp soil. Bacteria and the root-like threads of fungi – the fruit of which we call mushrooms – continue to invade the dead wood, leaving it soft and easy to break apart. The mushrooms growing on the outside of the rotting log may include everything from puffballs and parasols to boletes and morels, to name but a few. When you pull off a big piece of loose bark, you get a sense of the wealth of invertebrate life within as ants, centipedes, millipedes, beetles, and daddy-long-legs run for cover. There's also a good chance you'll also see a silk-covered ball of spider eggs and the artistic patterns engraved in the wood by bark beetles. You may even find a spring peeper or wood frog hiding out or even hibernating under the bark.

An equally fascinating world awaits you on the underside of the log. When you roll it over, there are likely to be sow bugs, slugs, snails, earthworms, spiders, crickets, fire-fly larvae and various adult beetles. There may also be a salamander such as the red-backed, yellow-spotted, blue-spotted, or red-spotted newt. Snakes such as the red-bellied, ringneck, and milk snake are all

possible finds, well. Don't be surprised if you find a deer mouse's nest, too, with its store of seeds. After having a look, be sure to carefully roll the log back in place.

Rotting logs also provide drumming perches for ruffed grouse. Drumming, a part of the grouse's mating ritual, is performed by the male. In the spring, he stands on an elevated site such as a stump or log and beats his wings to create an accelerating series of muffled thumps. The same site may be used year after year. If you find a drumming log, you can return year after year to witness this spectacle of spring.

Finally, rotting logs and stumps serve as excellent nursery sites for trees such as yellow birch. Birch seedlings have little success taking root in the thick leaf litter of the forest floor but are able to root in rot-

ting wood. Within a few years, the seedling's roots grow down through the rotting wood to ground level. But, when the nurse log or stump decomposes and disappears, the birch is left standing on "golden stilts" – the original roots of the tree. This phenomenon is easy to see anywhere where yellow birch grows.

Exploring den trees, snags, and rotting logs can open your eyes to whole new world of fungi, plants, and animals. Take along a few field guides, a hand lens, and a camera, and enjoy becoming a kid again.

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Sports

Excellence exercised at Masters World Cup

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A group of Haliburton County Nordic skiers are proving speed is not just reserved for the young after a strong showing at the Masters World Cup Cross Country Skiing Championships hosted by Sovereign Lake in Vernon, British Columbia from March 3 to 11.

With more than 1,000 competitors from 21 countries, including close to 500 Canadians, the race had all the pomp and circumstance of an Olympics, without much of the politics.

This year's rolling course, under ideal conditions, was a challenge for competitors and included a "corkscrew" descent to the finish, which was later changed after two races into the competition.

The event is more than just an international competition for the Canadian competitors who were eligible for national medals awarded to the top three racers.

The Haliburton County contingent not only enjoyed their experience, but were successful, winning a bronze World Masters medal in the relay and combined for four silvers and two bronze Canadian medals.

Minden resident Risto Santala, 71, led the way skiing classic with the masters bronze medal from the 4x5 km classic/free (70-74) relay, including three Canadian silver medals in the 10 km, 15 km and 30 km.

"This is better than I've done the past few years. I'm happy with that. Especially my relay time because the fellow who won all three races [in my categories], comparing in the relay time we're only nine seconds apart," he said.

Santala's lead leg in the relay was good enough for the second fastest time at 18:14.2, bested only by Russian Genady Buyankin by nine seconds from the winning relay team.

Santala said the additional few hundred miles he logged during the season and the off-season, using rollerskis, was the reason for his success.

Haliburton resident Marcel Crete won a Canadian silver medal in the 15 km free distance and bronze medals in the 30 and 10 km free races, including a fourth place for his 4x5 km relay race.

"I did better than I thought I would because I had my knee operated on in November," he said, adding he lost four months of training. "I was happy with the training before I left."

He took satisfaction from seeing familiar faces, which he competed against before.



Haliburton County was well represented by, left, Risto Santala, Jane Heyes, Bob Heyes, Marcel Crete, Leona Crete, who did not compete, but volunteered as a race official, Kit and Len Pizze at the Masters World Cup held at Sovereign Lake, Vernon, British Columbia from March 3 to 11. Santala earned three Canadian silver medals and a world masters bronze.

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Crete adds his selection to the (65-69) 4x5 km relay classic/free team was a first and was glad he accepted the selection, being one of the top four in his age category.

"I'm glad I did it," he said, adding this was a day before the 30 km epic race, which he finished 19th overall, close to the top half.

This is his third trip to the masters with his first in Canmore, Alberta in 1995 and his most recent several years ago in Quebec City in 2002.

Although retired couple Len and Kit Pizze had aspirations to crack the top half of the field, their satisfaction came from something more valuable and lasting.

"We always say we're participants because we're not elite skiers. Obviously we'll never finish among the elite skiers. The truth is we're there to race and you do push yourself harder than any other time and that's part of the pleasure. You push yourself to your absolute limit your absolute physical limit. If you do that then you're happy," Len said, who finished 37 out of 52 in the epic 45 km race.

Finish line battle

Kit finished close to or in the top half of the field for two of her races and was satisfied with that despite having to succumb to illness, forcing her to not start the 30 km free race, which she trained all season for.

She vividly remembers the finish line battle with friend Jane Heyes.

"I thought I was well out in front ... within the last kilometre I realized they were all right behind me. Jane and I traded [positions] back and forth for the last kilometre and I was having to catch her at the finish line," she said, losing by less than a foot in the 15 km free race.

Heyes, who came with her husband Bob Heyes, speaks matter-of-factly about the outcome of her 13th placing.

"You know what it feels like when someone is right ahead of you? You need to at least come up to them so with three finish [chutes] I guess I chose the good one," she said, laughing, adding her friend paced her throughout the race. "It was just my turn ... it's [only a difference of] seconds between us."

"Kit and I just missed out by seconds on Canadian medals," she said, adding she finished fourth nationally in two races, the 15 km and the 10 km.

Heyes skied at only one other world masters. Her first was in Quebec, 2002.

For this 61-year-old the event was inspiring, particularly when she saw a 95-year-old man competing.

"It tells you Nordic skiing is a sport for life when you see people over the age of 80 and there were lots of them still skiing," she said, reminding her there is lots of time left.

Right now the Pizze's are the only ones committed to compete next year at the next masters when it is hosted by Germany. The others are not so certain.

Crete plans to compete at the masters in two years when it is hosted by Italy while the Heyes couple expect to compete when the event returns to North America.

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— Jane Heyes

Firefighters hold game for Taylors

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Local firefighters are giving their time, hockey skills and all proceeds from an upcoming fundraiser hockey game between the Minden Hills Fire Department and the Dysart Fire Department to the Taylor family.

The Taylor family was forever changed when Stuart Taylor, 33, father to sons Alex and Colt and husband to Heather Taylor, was paralyzed from his chest down while working on a construction site back in December.

The former Gooderham volunteer firefighter continues to progress.

Heather has publicly been appreciative to the outpouring of generosity and support.

Community members like Dysart fire department captain, Murray Miscio and

firefighter Greg Phippen, organizers of the hockey game, were just glad to give back.

"We're just trying to do what we can to get them back on their feet," Phippen said, adding the family is facing an entirely new life, including the construction of a new house that is built with Stuart's needs in mind.

The Taylor family will drop the puck at the opening faceoff at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

Admission is by donation and organizers ask for any amount as every bit counts.

The event will include a 50/50 draw and a puck toss during the second intermission.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton dance event, also raising money for the Taylors, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Last month the two departments held a charitable hockey game.

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League champs

Lead Chris Marsh, second Dave Allen, vice Doug Wagg replacing Tom Parrish and skip Pete Byer defeated John Smillie's team to win the Haliburton Curling Club's senior men's Friday league championship in a close game on Friday, March 25. Photo submitted

Red Hawks figure skating led by Pringle performance

March 29

The HHSS Figure Skating team competed against teams from 18 high schools across Ontario – some with as many as 15 skaters on their teams.

Our team of Shenese Alden, Jillian Mayhew, Casey Pringle, Shyanna Smith, and Hanna Reddering finished seventh overall, with a top three placement in over half their events. Special mention to Casey Pringle who placed third of 19 skaters in her freestyle event.

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Brock High to begin their season. Twelve of 14 players qualified for next week's qualifier.

First place finishes to Tiffany vanLie-

shout and Scott Griffith (mixed doubles), Drew Paul and Jesse Schmidt (boys' doubles) and Bin Chun (boys' singles).

March 30

The junior Red Hawks badminton team competed in their first qualifying tournament in Fenelon Falls. The team had a very successful day with all 16 players qualifying for next week's tournament. HHSS placed first in four of the five events, with first place finishes from Matt Kim (boys' singles), Jessica Bishop and Sandy Griffith (girls' singles), Tanner Ballantyne and Tanner Hamilton (boys' doubles) and Ali Hicks and Darcy Schmidt (mixed doubles).

- with files from Judi Paul's class

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Clockwise, from above left, J. Douglas Elementary School hockey select fans show their support; Ontario Provincial Police hockey select's Brian Sachs, who is retiring from the service, slides across for a save on a partial breakaway by a J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School player; A young fan shows her displeasure for a J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School select hockey team's goal against the OPP; a JDHES select goalie readies for a shot on a breakaway during the annual exhibition game held at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, March 31. The game ended in a 7-7 tie.

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Stars shine at annual figure skating show



Terri-Lynn Lumley and Jason Chambers compete for the Battle of the Blades title. Lumley and Chambers represented the township of Stanhope in the competition.



Tom Reddering, left, and Hanna Reddering represented the township of Lochlin in the Battle of the Blades.



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

The senior stars of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club perform a number to California Girls during the club's annual show held at the Dysart arena in Haliburton Village on April 2. This year's show had a Battle of the Blades theme with different pairs competing for the title. The show also featured performances from skaters of all ages dancing to songs by Lada Gaga and the Black Eyed Peas. From left, Bethany Little, Casey Pringle, Hanna Reddering, Alex Yake and Shyanna Smith.

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RBC gives \$1,500 to YWCA

Left, Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities presents a \$1,500 cheque to Sarah Adams of the YWCA at the RBC office in Haliburton on Wednesday, March 30. Last year RBC donated \$1,000 and expects to increase their donation another \$500 next year. /Darren Lum photo

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Rosie Kadwell chairperson of Haliburton Food Net says the pamphlet will make sure all residents of Haliburton County can be well nourished and have access to healthy food.

"We know people don't have enough money to buy what they need, and we understand people are going hungry," she said.

This was not the first year for Food For All. One was released a year ago as well.

"This year's booklet is very similar to last year's," explained Kadwell, the only difference being now more organizations are listed. In the booklet includes everything from food banks, cooking classes, social activities for parents and children, non-profit housing and social and financial services.

It is aimed at service providers around Haliburton who want to assist or volunteer in programs started by Haliburton Food Net.

If you would like to get involved with any of the programs or become a volunteer you can always reach Kadwell at Haliburton Food Net (705-457-1391) or simply phone the contacts in the booklet.

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Fighting cancer in the Highlands

Every day Canadian Cancer Society volunteers are making a difference in the Highlands community in the fight against cancer. They are assisting in all capacities to help ease the burden of cancer - from raising funds for life-saving cancer research to offering caring support to people living

with cancer to advocating for healthy public policy.

Volunteers are at the centre of it all. The Society is very fortunate to partner with volunteers in the community as they work towards the same goal: the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality

of life of those living with cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society provides essential programs and services at no fee. In 2010, the volunteer transportation program, one of the busiest in the province, utilized 144 drivers who travelled 1.1 million km taking clients to cancer-related appointments. Twenty of these drivers live in the Highlands and are dedicated to helping their community. Peer support is another valuable service that is offered over the phone, in person or through group support. Trained volunteers draw upon their own experiences to provide information and encouragement to people living with cancer and their families. The Society's Cancer Information Service, which is toll free, offers reliable and extensive information on cancer, risk reduction and treatment not only to those diagnosed with cancer but to their family and friends as well. Through the generosity of volunteers and donors the Comfort Room, located in the unit office, offers a selection of wigs, hats, turbans and breast prostheses to support clients along their cancer journey. Another useful telephone resource for those thinking about quitting smoking is Smokers' Helpline.

Recently the Peterborough and District Unit welcomed a new branch chair for

the Highlands area. Volunteer, Lisa Werry eagerly took on the role and welcomed the challenge to revitalize the Haliburton/Minden branch. The first step was to change the name to the Highlands Branch so it encompasses all the local communities. "It is very exciting to be involved with the revitalization of the Canadian Cancer Society in the Highlands" states Werry. "Recently, we had a very successful focus group which led to many exciting ideas and we really appreciate the time and input from the participants. We are working on a number of ideas and I looking forward to being a part of this group and working with the volunteers in this area." One of those ideas involves a mobile Comfort Room which will provide Highland residents easier access to wigs, turbans and prostheses at no cost.

Currently the Highlands Branch is looking for leadership volunteers to help work towards the revitalization of the branch as well as drivers to take local clients to appointments. Anyone interested in joining the fight and becoming part of this revitalized branch can contact Alison Payne, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at 1 800 463-0432 or apayne@ontario.cancer.ca. For more information about the Highlands branch please call 705-750-0366.



Heading out on a ramble

Jim Thomson, left, retired pipe major of the Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipes and Drums, leads a crowd of walkers and canines out on the first Sunday Ramble of 2011 in Haliburton Village on April 3.

The first ramble of the year saw more than 40 people in attendance, more than last year's weekly average of 35, and a dozen dogs.



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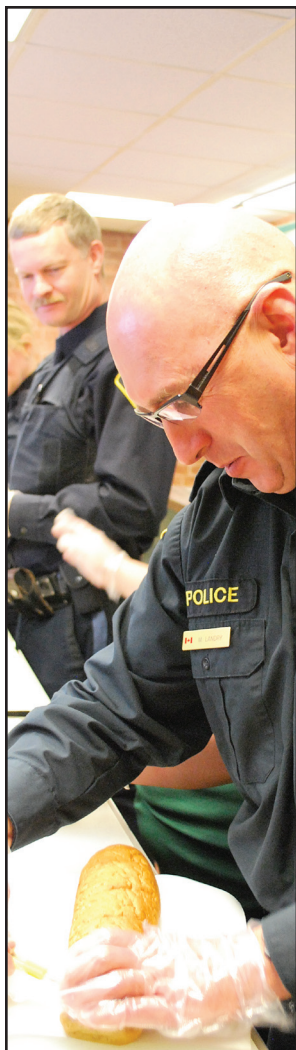


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Tel. 705-489-2379

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Community saddened by Alfretta O'Rourke's passing



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Wilberforce Legion President Mary Dunne, back left, Legion youth education officer Valerie Smith, back middle, and Legion first-vice Margaret Maguire, far right, present participants of the Royal Canadian Legion's Public Speaking Contest with their awards at the Wilberforce Elementary School on March 29.



Students were presented plaques for the poster and literacy contest. Winners include, from left, Dillon Tallman, Carmen Galea, Kendra Anderson and Susie Cachia.

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

705-448-2018

We were the "ladies who lunched," dined, took in many concerts and theatre productions and enjoyed discussing everything from politics to gardening in many pleasant conversations. That all ended a few days ago. My friend and a friend of this community Alfretta O'Rourke died on Monday, March 21, 2011.

Alfretta had turned 91 during her brief time in the hospital in Oshawa. It was not arthritis or some other old age problem in an arm that had become increasingly painful over many months. No clues until a cough developed. Finally diagnosed. The silent big C was unbelievably the problem in the arm and with the cough. Alfretta, probably for the first time in her life, gave up.

Her retirement home in Wilberforce was her dream home. It was designed the way she wanted it surrounded by beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens.

She retired here in the 1980s after being raised in the Niagara Peninsula, lived, worked and raised her family in the Toronto area. She loved the countryside here, the trees, the hills, the skies, the lakes, the rocks, especially the rocks. Her gardens gave her (and many others) great pleasure, as did wild animals that ventured onto her property – as long as they didn't help themselves to treasures such as the cedars.

Alfretta enjoyed the independence of having her own car, always properly maintained. At the age of 90 she aced her driver's test.

Last summer she was the sole stitcher on a special quilt from her wintertime church in Whitby. She seemed to want to do that one herself and it was her last. She has had a hand in a lot of the quilts that have been raffled as fundraisers by the Heritage Guild for our Outpost historic house. She assembled many of them, had a great eye for colour and design and enjoyed the quilting sessions. Interesting that members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild at their 20th anniversary gathering were admiring this year's quilt, which she had designed and assembled, at the very time Alfretta died. Perhaps her spirit was here with us.

Her interest in gardens didn't end at home. After the Nurse sculpture had been installed on its mound in the LWMC Park

Fundraising and acquiring plants and interesting rocks to grace the mound was only a beginning. Interlocking stone and a bench were added at the hands of her son Gordon. Alfretta seemed to know who had great perennial gardens and green fingers. Shrubs, plants, flowers were donated and purchased not only for around the sculpture mound but in a plot adjacent that she called the community garden. And when she recruited helpers to weed and trim and plant, there were always volunteers. And often of course lunch after at the local cafe and a beautiful garden to talk about.

She also delighted in taking photos of the things in which she took pride. Flowers were often captured. She had travelled to many interesting places and enjoyed sharing pictures and memories of her adventures. Activities with members of her family of which she was very proud were often recorded by her camera.

Alfretta in recent years presented the wreath honouring Silver Cross Mothers at the Remembrance Day services here. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624. She wore her silver cross pin proudly. She received it because as a young wife her first husband, Richard St. John, a soldier died in 1941 after an injury. She was also predeceased by her second husband Louis (Stan) MacDonald who also served in WWII in food services for officers. He was the father of her five children: Gordon, Keith, Evan (Cathy), Lorraine Ravey and Anita Amos (Ken Lomax). She was also predeceased by Jack O'Rourke her third husband who had served in the Navy and father of her stepdaughter Maureen (Bob) Riddell. Her sisters Margaret, Mildred, Ida, Gertrude and Lorna also predeceased her.

Condolences are extended to Alfretta's family including her brother Ted Deterling, her grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Wilberforce United Church. Interment will take place later in the Wilberforce Cemetery.

The Keith Cameron Memorial Bonspiel held on March 25 and 26 was the final curling event of the season at the Wilberforce club. Of the eight teams entered, several play out of the local club. Visiting teams won the top three spots. In first place was the Ron Barr team of Brian Daoust, Bill Matthews and Robert McIvor who play out of Haliburton. Second place was taken by the Murray Cooper team from Minden. The Bancroft team skipped by Mel Hallin came in third. Blaine Lewis reports that all games were competitive and fun.

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a successful windup to the curling season.

The Wilberforce Curling Club will hold its awards night and dinner on Thursday, April 14 at the Legion Hall.



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Haliburton Village BIA
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Township of Algonquin Highlands

Pursuant to By-Law 07-46
NOTICE is hereby provided that
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
intends to further consider and, if
appropriate, adopt the

2011 FINAL BUDGET
on Thursday, April 7, 2011
at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the
Municipal Council Chambers,
1123 North Shore Rd.

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Congratulations Carole Alexander

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Strictly speaking, Abbott Court is in Stanhope, but since no one reports from Maple Lake, I feel free to report on that neighbourhood as well as on Guilford. Ian Pay, musician, lives there. So does Carole Alexander whose episode on Wipeout obstacle course was reported in last week's *Echo*. All here, friends and neighbours congratulate her on her courage, stamina and endurance. Quite an achievement!

Jim Milne and Earl Cooper joined five other members of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipe Band to welcome the 64 teams of

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Guilford mourns passing of Martha Sims

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public school-age young people to the bonspiel at the Minden arena on Friday, April 1 in the evening. Great to see that line-up of enthusiastic curlers as they were welcomed by Dwight Thomas and dignitaries including Murray Fearry for this special all-Ontario event.

It's sad to report the death of Martha Sims on March 29 at the Haliburton hospital. Martha was the widow of Dennis Sims. Her children are Martha Ann of Ajax and Johnny Carnochan of Woodville, Ont. Donations will be accepted for the Haliburton hospital. Our sympathy is extended to the family. The service at Monk's was led by the Rev. Max Ward.

Did you notice the glaring error in last week's column? It should have read: Prince Albert, son of Princess Grace.

Dave Walker has owned, for several years now, one of the houses that night well be termed a heritage house. It was built on Nila Road by Barnums, subsequently was home to

Bains, later owned by Laurence Morrison who was landlord to Grenville Barry, to McKnights, and to Gilkinsons. (I'm sorry not to be able to know the first names of the above.) For a time when Nila and Leslie Reynolds lived there I boarded there when I taught school at Guilford. Now Dave has decided that the house must go and on April 3 it will be down, to be replaced by another late in the summer. Dave and his family will reside in the meantime on Freedom Fifty-Five Drive on property next to ours with Larry and Betty Hewitt, mother of Sherri Walker.

As you saw in last week's *Echo*, Traci Hubbert has spent her last day at JDHES and transferred to Minden's Archie Stouffer school. April 1 was her first day there where she again resumes her role as principal.

Euchre notes for March 29: High - Maureen and Peter LaPlante; low - Kirk Biljetina and Ed Muenzel; most lone hands - Ann McIvor and Garth Windsor; specials went to Kay and Perry Morrison.



Canadian Cancer Society / Société canadienne du cancer

A night to remember...

The Haliburton County Relay For Life Committee members would like to send hugs to The Family & Friends of those that lost their battle against cancer in 2010 and in all the years prior.

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Coming Events



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Thursday April 21- Maundy Thursday Eucharist

St. Margaret's - 5 p.m. • St. George's - 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 22

St. George's - 10:30 a.m. Music of Gabriel Faure
(choir, organ and guest cellist Bethany Houghton)
11 a.m. - Good Friday Liturgy • St. Margaret's - 3 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

EASTER - April 24 - Easter Sunday Eucharist

St. George's - 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. • St. Margaret's - 11:15 a.m.

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Thursday, April 7/11

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community calendar

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April 6-7 : Haliburton Soccer Youth & Adult League Registration: from 5-7 located at the HHHS Gym Foyer. For more information visit www.haliburonsoccer.com SIGN UP NOW TO AVOID LATE FEES

Minden & District Horticultural Society: First Tuesday of the Month March-November. March & April 1pm May-November 7pm located at the Minden Community Centre for more information call Barb at 705-754-9303 or Liz at 705-447-0151

Wednesday: Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission Thursday: Bid Euchre 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618

April 5: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

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April 11: Haliburton Highlands Grannies Spring Meeting at 1:30pm at Zion United Church in Canarvan. Guest Speaker Joy Davies. A spare change collection will be held at this meeting, all proceeds from Granny events go to Stephen Luis Foundation. For Further information call Mickey at 705-286-2198

April 13: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and hear Jacqui Clarkson speak on "Why we need yellow in our life" Doors open at 10am Everyone Welcome for more information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531

April 13: Lia Sophia Jewellery Show in support of Community Care: 1:00-8:00 located at 83 Maopple Ave. Unit 3 Drop in Centre, Halco Plaza for more information contact 705-457-2941

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April 14: HHFN presents Ontario Nature Celebrating 80 years: 7:30pm at Fleming College Haliburton doors open @7pm Visit www.hhfn.ca

April 16: Maplefest all you can eat Pancake & Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. 9 am- 1pm Lochlin United Church, Lochline Rd Off Gelert Road. Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$3.00 Preschoolers free

April 16: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake Sale 10am to 3pm Lunch Available

April 26: Dental Day at the Minden OEYC 10am – 1pm. A dental Hygienist from HKPR Dental Health team will be available for screenings RSVP 705-286-1770

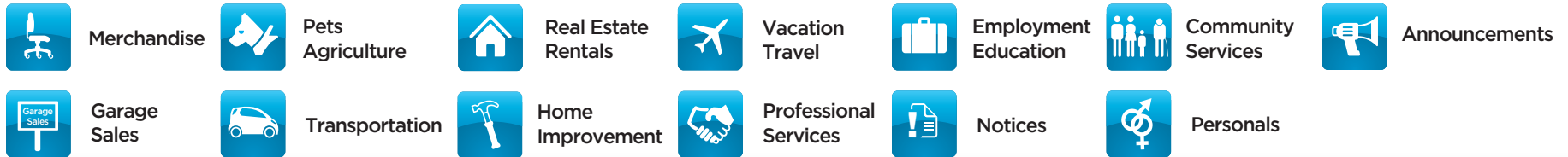
April 27: Haliburton County Historical Society presents Speaker Hilda Clark Topic: tour of the 100th Anniversary of Wilberforce Public School and National Historic Red Cross Outpost Located at the Wilberforce Public School @ 1:30pm (Please Bring garden chair)

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
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grandmother who left us
April 9, 2010

**Why wait until tomorrow.
to tell someone you care?**
For beyond the dawn tomorrow,
you may not find them there.
The past now lies behind us,
and tomorrow may not come.
We only have today, my friend,
to beat upon life's drum.

**Friend why not say,
"I love you!"**
to those that you hold dear,
For time is such a fragile thing
that death may soon appear.
Let others know you love them
so there's never any doubt.
The best time is now, my friend,
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**Missed but not forgotten
Carl & Family**

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In memoriam

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Susan Currie (Penhale)
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Maisie Mintz
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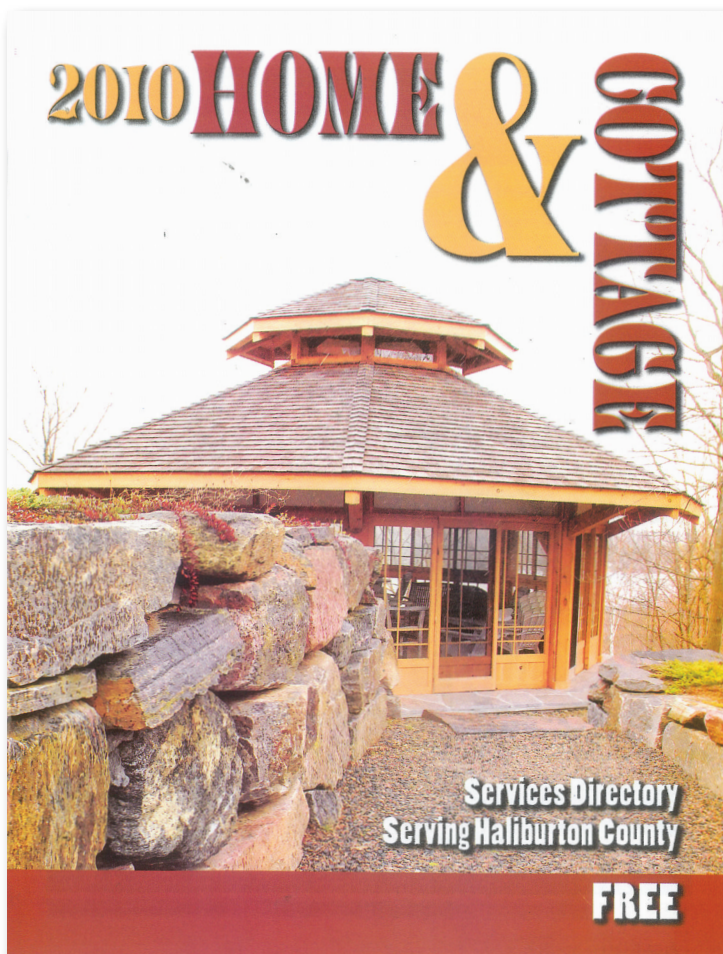
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